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BRAIN INJURY IS FOCUS OF CONFERENCE, WEBINAR

Nebraska's annual brain injury conference will be held April 4-5 in Kearney, offering information to assist individuals with brain injuries and their families.

The Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council will cosponsor the conference as well as a free March 27 national webinar on technology that could benefit individuals with brain injuries.

The two events will be held in recognition of Brain Injury Awareness Month.

The 7th Annual Brain Injury Conference will offer sessions to help individuals and their families address adjustment, coping, acceptance and expressing themselves through journaling. Sessions for professionals will explore substance abuse, behavioral changes and bridging the gap between concussion and the classroom.

Registration for the conference closes March 27, 2013.

Several organizations are cosponsoring the March 27 webinar, *A Brain in the Palm of Your Hand: Handheld Devices as Cognitive Aids for Veterans*. The free webinar will be presented by Tony Gentry, an associate professor in the Occupational Therapy Department, Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

The webinar will examine current devices, such as smart phones, PDA's and tablet computers as well as apps for task organization, cueing, way-

finding, behavioral management and vocational support for veterans.

In addition to the Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council, the webinar cosponsors are Nebraska Assistive Technology Partnership, Nebraska Veterans Administration's Vocational Rehabilitation Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America Catalyst Project.

Register for the conference and the webinar at www.braininjury.ne.gov. For more information, call (888) 806-6287.